Queen Anne Cobblestone

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West Side Story Walking Tour this Week, Saturday, Sept. 17, 3 pm.

The Society's next walking tour is scheduled for **this coming Saturday, Sept. 18th at 10:00 am.** It will start at the corner of 6th Ave. W. and W. McGraw St., in front of Aaron's Cleaners.

Our intrepid tour guide, Mr. Kim Turner, has gathered stories on the W. McGraw businesses, churches, the Seattle Children's Home, parks and other historic places.

This tour will cover different material from a West McGraw tour which Kim gave in 2000. In addition, the 3 pm start time is intended to provide an opportunity for those who might be occupied on Saturday mornings.

The Society's walking tours are always popular and are wonderful opportunities to learn about your community and the people who live here today as well as yesterday.

Bring your walking shoes and join us on this free tour: Saturday, Sept. 17 at 3:00 pm. Allow 1-1/2 to 2 hours.

Seattle Children's Home in its second configuration at 9th Ave. W. and W. McGraw St. This version dates from 1930-31 and has since been replaced. Courtesy Univ.

Getting from Here to There
How our roads came to be
Wed. Sept. 28th, 7:30 pm

Join your friends and neighbors for a spirited presentation on the development of the roads and highways of King County and Washington State.

Fennelle Miller, of the Washington State Department of Transportation, will review how our local roads grew from wagon trails through surveyed roads to the Freeway System.

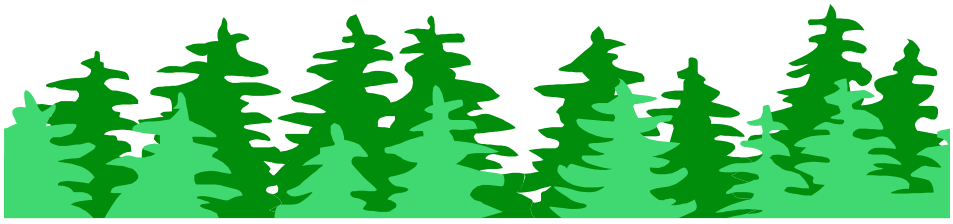
This program was originally scheduled for last March, but had to be rescheduled to this later date.

Fennelle has a broad and varied knowledge of our early road systems and the why and how of their establishment. She will describe and show construction methods of road beds and bridges that brought people and communities together. Did you know, for instance, that King County citizens were once required to donate their time each year to build roads? You will enjoy her multi-media presentation and her commentary on these vital routes and highway numbering systems.

Join your neighbors at this public meeting

Wednesday, Sept. 28, 7:30 pm
McClure Middle School Library

The meeting is free and open to the public. It begins at 7:30 pm at McClure Middle School library, 1915 1st Ave.West on Queen Anne. For more information, contact Del Loder at 206-282-8771.



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FINAL CALL TO RENEW FOR 2005-06

Membership dues were due June 1st. Please see the Membership Notice on page 2 and the coupon on page 3.

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Membership Notice

NOTICE! It's time once again to renew your membership, for 2005-2006. **Your mailing label shows the year your current membership expires. If your label shows *(2005EXP)* it means your membership ended May 31, 2005.** The same for *2006EXP*, and so on. If you have not renewed for this year, please use the coupon on p. 3 and **renew now**. For more information contact Membership Chair, Nadine Belcher, at 206-284-8369. ***.....Thanks for helping make this a great organization!***

Calendar of

Sat. Sept. 17, 2005
Walking Tour: A revisit to the West McGraw neighborhood. **3 pm**. Meet at 6th W. & W. McGraw. Free. ***Note the time change to 3pm.***

Wed. Sept. 28, 2005 *Program:* The Building of King County Highways. ***Rescheduled from March meeting*** McClure Middle School Library, 7:30 pm. Free. **(See page one)**

Sat. Oct. 8, 2005
Event: Centennial Celebration of Old John Hay School. Celebrate old Hay's 1905 opening and its exterior refurbishing just completed in 2005. Tours and displays. At Old Hay (now SBOC school), 4th N. and McGraw St,
1-4 pm. Free.

Wed. Nov. 23, 2005
Program: Gracious Ladies of Queen Anne: Their Accomplishments and Their 1900 Fashions. Live models wearing period clothing. ***Rescheduled from May. Not to be missed***. New John Hay School, 3rd N & Garfield, 7:30 pm. Free.

December, 2005
Event: Annual "Crown of Lights" Contest. Holiday lighting contest with prizes for best decorated residences on and off the "Boulevard".

John Hay is 100 Years Old! Celebration Planned Sat. Oct. 8

There is good news and bad news about the old John Hay School at 4th Ave. N. and Boston St. Countless old grads of the 1905 wooden building will be pleased to know that work is nearing completion on replacing the original exterior siding with new cedar lap siding. The wooden windows have been removed, refurbished and reinstalled. The brand new exterior paint will be a light gray with white trim and burgundy accents. These colors were chosen to match what is believed to be the original colors of the 100-year-old, landmarked school. All of this work was funded by the voters in the February, 2004 School Capital Levy. Considerable work has also been completed by a neighborhood support group called **Friends of Old Hay**, using donations and City Dept. of Neighborhoods grant money, to upgrade the school grounds to create garden spaces, a giant chess board and a basketball court.

The bad news is that the future of both the old building and of the 1922 brick building is unknown. The school district is under pressure to cut costs by closing the facility and either mothballing the school or leasing it out. The current school using old Hay, the Secondary Bilingual Orientation Center, will be there for at least the next two years. Hay is the last historic school building on Queen Anne or Magnolia in active use as a school.

A centennial celebration to mark the completion of the exterior refurbishment is planned for Saturday, October 8, 2005, from 1 to 4 pm. Former students, neighbors and friends of old Hay are encouraged to come visit the school, see the wonderful look of the newly refinished building, take part in exhibits and performances and tour the facilities.

Our Mission Statement

The mission of the Queen Anne Historical Society is to record and preserve, in permanent form, the history of the settling of the Queen Anne community and to develop within the community an appreciation and concern for its history and its historical sites.

Heritage News

Society Efforts Result in Preserving Historic Treat Mansion

The historic home of Harry Whitney Treat, also known as the Gable House, at 1 W. Highland Drive, will be preserved thanks to the efforts of the QAHS and to the farsightedness of its owners.

The home had been placed on the market to be sold for tear-down and replacement by a six story condo. The owners have now withdrawn the house from sale and are collaborating with the Society to enable placement on the National Historic Register. This will be followed by a Preservation Easement that will grant the owners significant tax benefits and permit the existing house to be preserved for use as either apartments or condos.

This win-win process is still in work and final arrangements will stretch into next year. However, the good news is that the house will be preserved.

More details will be available in the weeks ahead, or keep up on the web site (http://qahistory.org/treat/index.htm). Significant efforts by Bruce Jones, Char Eggleston and preservationist Mimi Sheridan have led to this fruitful resolution.

Treat House at One W. Highland Drive, also known as the Gable House. Built in 1905 for Harry Whitney Treat.

Mickey Howard: 1923-2005

Evelyn "Mickey" Canan Howard, newspaper woman and longtime supporter of the Historical Society, passed away May 3rd of this year.

Mickey and her husband Phil were both active in our Society's operations for many years. In 1990-93 Mickey was instrumental in making the history book project a success through her fund raising and financial management skills.

Prior to that she spent 32 years working at and managing the Queen Anne News offices. Her first husband, Donald J. Canan, died in 1988. We all miss her friendliness, her caring and her unflappable manner.

Mt. Pleasant Tours

Two spring tours of our local historical cemetery, Mount Pleasant, were completed in June.

On June 9, students from John Hay Elementary were given a brief tour of northwest persons and events marked in stone. Each student came equipped with a camera, and the results of their outing were recorded in notebooks shared with the Society. Lots of fun.

On June 18 our annual public tour of Mt. Pleasant brought out a good crowd that visited a number of new grave sites, including George Benson, Queen Anne grad and supporter. The Puget Sound Assoc. of Professional Genealogists assisted this year.

Historic Marker Program Starts

Old houses in many towns have markers on them showing the year they were built. **New board member John DeRosa is heading up a new program to develop such signage here**.

Details of the program will be available soon. The basic intent is to tie the historic marker to a documented set of data about each house. The historical data will remain a valued archive record of residences on Queen Anne.

Advice on how to find out about your house and record it will be part of the Marker program. If you have an older home that still looks similar to its original version, contact John at 282-3842 or *johnd@qahistory.org*.

E-Mail Addresses Wanted

Our members are invited to send us their e-mail addresses for our Society mailings. There have been several events or newsworthy actions recently, such as involving our attempts to save the Treat House, for which rapid notification to you, our members, would be helpful. We have a few emails, but more would mean better communication.

This list is kept intact by the Society, it is not given to anyone else and is used only for our society news.

Just send a message to our address: *help@qahistory.org* and we'll put you on the list. Thanks.

Yes, I want to join the Queen Anne Historical Society in preserving our community's heritage and promoting the public's understanding of its past.

Name _____ Tel. _____

Address_____

City _____, State _____ Zip_____

E-mail _____

Member Category: (check one)

___ Individual $15 ___ Patron $50 - $199

___ Family $20 ___ Benefactor $200 & up

___ Student/Senior $8 ___ Contribution only, $_____

___ I would like to become active in the Society.

The QAHS is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Donations are deductible to the extent permitted by Federal law.

Return with payment to: *Queen Anne Historical Society,*

Yes, I want to order the Society's book, *Queen Anne—Community on the Hill*.
I understand that mailing costs will be added.

Prices are:
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($20 for members)
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($40 for members)

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***Coming up*: This week—take a West Side Walking Tour at 3 pm on Saturday, Sept. 17th . Starts at 6th W. and W. McGraw. Tell your friends.**

Kim's Musings

Walking the Talk

Ever wonder how to go about setting up a walking tour? First you look for an interesting area in which to walk. Then, you look for specific places about which to discuss. If you are going through an area which contains both residential and commercial buildings, you might look for interesting firms that are not what you would expect to find; you would then look through any books, city directories, or other source materials to see how long the firm has been in existence, or to note what business used to be in the same location. You look for houses which have distinctive architecture or notable residents. If you are lucky, you will find that some places have both!

When you check the city directories, you find more information than you expect. Since the inclusion of the reverse directory, which lists the street addresses and then who lives there, you can find out more data in the front of the directory under the person's name. It will give husband, spouse, and occupation. If a partner in a firm, it lists that firm as a cross-check. If you look thoroughly through the last name list, you may find children who are still living at home but attending a local college or other institution. Once you have that information, you can move backwards to see if that same family was living in the same house during the years preceding the inclusion of the reverse directory, or where else they were living. Often you will find the family was living in the same neighborhood, but at a different address. It is both challenging and rewarding research. Then you take the data you have and enter it onto 3x5 cards for easy access. You walk through the neighborhood and try to memorize the information, either as little or as much as might be of interest to others.

Then you are ready for the big day, the day of the public walking tour. The biggest hurdle is remembering to face your audience as you are telling the stories of each place you have included. The next most important task is to ask for questions, and to carry blank cards on which to write down data about buildings or former residents which members of your tour group know.

This all makes for a richer experience, and I hope that many of you will join us at 3 p.m. on September 17th in front of the cleaners at 6th West and West McGraw Street. It will be a different tour from the one we did in the same area several years ago, with both new information and beautiful places to see. Bring a camera!

Kim R. Turner, Research Chair

Isn't it time you became more involved with the Queen Anne Historical Society?
Join the Board of Trustees! Help out in the archives! Call John Hennes at (206) 284-2266 for more details about how you can share in making and keeping Queen Anne's history.